Sl. No.	Basin	Block Name	Approx. Area (SQ. K.M.)	Ref. No. on Map	Off Shore/ State	District
42		RJ-ONN-2004/3	1330	21		Jaisalmer, Bikaner
43	Cambay	CB-ONN-2004/1	32	22		Mehsana
44		CB-ONN-2004/2	423	23		Anand & Kheda
45		CB-ONN-2004/3	113	24	Gujarat (5)	Bharuch, Vadodara & Anand
46		CB-ONN-2004/4	70	25		Bharuch
47		CB-ONN-2004/5	75	26		Bharuch and Vadodara
48	Deccan Syneclise	DS-ONN-2004/1*	2649	27	Maharashtra (1)	Dhule Jalgaon & Nandurbar
49	Krishna Godavari	KG-ONN-2004/1	549	28	Andhra Pradesh (2)	E.Godavari & Yanam (UT)
50		KG-ONN-2004/2	1140	29		W. Godavari & Krishna
51	Cauvery	CY-ONN-2004/1	214	30	Tamil Nadu (2)	Cuddalore and Nagapattinam
52		CY-ONN-2004/2	375	31		Ariyalur

*Frontier blocks.

National gas grid

1592. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national gas grid was to be set up on the lines of the power grid;

(b) if so, whether Government have developed the nationwide gas grid and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the benefits accruing from the setting up of the gas grid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Gas pipeline is laid according to the gas availability, the location of production centres and customers. In light of the limited availability of natural gas in the country, gas pipeline has been laid connecting the limited production centres to the customers situated in relative proximity. The requirement, transportation methods and purposes for which natural gas is used are different from that of power. Therefore, the Government is not planning to set up a national gas grid on the lines of power grid.

A number of companies, including GAIL (India) Limited, Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL) in the public sector and Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) in the private sector, are at present laying pipeline infrastructure for transportation of gas linking production centres to demand centres, in various parts of the country. To regulare the same and to encourage investment in the sector, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'.

Private oil companies for retail outlets

†1593. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted oil companies under private sector for setting up of petrol and diesel outlets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy for giving permission to oil companies under private sector;

(d) if so, the details of such oil companies which have been given permission;

(e) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets set up by each of the said companies, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.